THE SENATE THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2015

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 03, 2015

TIME: 2:45PM

PLACE: Conference Room 414

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

<u>AGENDA</u>

SB 329 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. AGL, WAM Authorizes the director of finance to issue general obligation Status & bonds to fund the acquisition of agricultural lands in Waialua, **Testimony** Oahu. **SB 530** MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR CAPITAL AGL, WAM IMPROVEMENTS TO THE KAMUELA VACUUM COOLING Status & PLANT. Testimony Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriate funds for the planning and designing phase II renovations to the Kamuela vacuum cooling plant. **SB 521** AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE AGL, WAM REVENUE BONDS TO WAIMEA NUI COMMUNITY Status & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. **Testimony** Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds up to \$45,000,000 to Waimea Nui Community Development Corporation, a private not-for-profit corporation, for the planning, acquisition, and construction of agriculture, renewable energy, and educational facilities. **SB 584** RELATING TO IRRIGATION. AGL, WAM Authorizes the director of finance to issue general obligation Status & bonds to finance capital improvements to various irrigation **Testimony** systems. RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. AGL, WAM **SB 1149** Appropriates funds as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Status & Revised Statutes, for the operation, repair, maintenance, and **Testimony** improvement of the East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative irrigation systems. RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. AGL, WAM **SB 382** Establishes within the Livestock Revitalization Program a grant Status & program for qualified feed developers.

Testimony

SB 598 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes a full-time temporary program manager position in DOA for the pesticide subsidy program. Appropriates moneys.	AGL, WAM
<u>SB 1060</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS.	AGL, WAM
Status & Testimony	Allows for agricultural loans to be administered for livestock biosecurity projects.	
SB 224 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO FARMS. Creates an income tax exemption on the first \$50,000 of income for family farms, family farm communities, and family farm cooperatives.	AGL, WAM
Status & Testimony	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes on-farm mentoring program to teach and train farmers to utilize a whole system approach to agriculture. Appropriates funds as a grant for existing on-farm mentoring programs and a pilot on-farm mentoring program in Maui.	AGL, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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